

December 17 | Third Sunday of Advent

ST. SUSANNA CATHOLIC CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH. A CHURCH IN ACTION.

616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Behold

I AM THE HANDMAID
OF THE LORD.
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.
LUKE 1:38





St. Susanna Catholic Church

Phone: 513-398-3821
Parish Office: ext. 3100
School Office: ext. 3108
Website: www.stsusanna.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

For assistance in Spanish / Para asistencia en Español:

Sara Silva (ext. 3202)
silvas@stsusanna.org

Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members
of our parish community.

Please register by calling the Parish
Office at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100
or online at www.stsusanna.org.



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for all articles for the
Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, nine
(9) days before the article appears in the
bulletin. Please send items, along with
the publish dates they should run, to
bulletin@stsusanna.org for submission.

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Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



From the Pastor's Desk

Next weekend is going to be a bit
packed with church things. The Fourth
Sunday of Advent falls on December
24th this year. It will be a very short

4th week of Advent, lasting just a few hours on that Sunday before the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass begins. In addition to the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass in English, there will be a 7:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass in Spanish as well. Then on Sunday, December 24th there will only be the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses for that Sunday, no 11:30am Mass. With Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00, 6:30 and 10:00pm, it would mean you are going to two Masses on that Sunday. Of course, you may go to the vigil on Saturday and to the 9:30am (English Mass) or 11:30am (Spanish Mass) on Christmas Day. Maybe this year you don't go to the early (and very crowded!) Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm and you go to another Eve Mass or on Christmas Day.

This year, our regular Sunday obligation overlaps with a Holy Day obligation (Christmas). Catholics must attend a different Mass for each obligation - two Masses total.

Sunday Obligation

pick one:

Saturday, December 23rd
5:00pm, 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday, December 24th
7:30am, 9:30am

Christmas Obligation

pick one:

Sunday, December 24th
4:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Monday, December 25th
9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish)

AND

Don't shortchange your belonging to the Catholic Church and St. Susanna's Parish, and the obligation to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. It should feel less like a duty and more like an opportunity to grow in grace and give glory to God who has come into the world to save us. As Linus says, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." It's not about making merry; it's about becoming holy. That's why Christ was born at Bethlehem - to unite God to us and elevate us to the image of divinity we were made to be. When we come together for the Eucharistic celebration as the Mystical Body of Christ, we see this happen. Jesus is made present in His offering to the Father and we are united to Him in this sacrifice. You have to be there when this happens. You have to come to church in order to make this a reality. Christ and



the Church ask us to participate in these divine mysteries every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. To miss Mass would be to miss out on this singular chance to receive God's grace and become one in Christ. If you miss it here on earth, there's a good chance you will miss it in eternity where Christ is before His Father in glory surrounded by all the heavenly host in the great banquet of paradise. You don't want to miss out on this! Eternity is a long time! Forever and ever, actually!

So, I hope and pray each and every member of our parish will make the effort to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent and again on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. God is waiting for you to take your place in church now and in heaven later. Don't let Him down. Give Him your best! Give Him what He deserves. He is worth it.

May God bless each and every one of you this Christmas!

Fr. Barry

Advent Penance Service

Priests will be available on **Wednesday, December 20th, from 6:30-8:30pm** for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Advent Penance Service. There will be a hymn, prayer, Gospel reading and a reflection before Confessions. Come and go at any time throughout the two-hour service. No need to stay until the end.

Both Father Barry and Father Jergens will be available at the usual times for Confession throughout the month of December. Make this Christmas a time of real renewal and spiritual growth by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Mass Intentions & Weekend Presiders

Monday, December 18

6:30am *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Fr. Barry)*
6:00pm Kim Heyob - *Special Intention*

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am C. Antony

Wednesday, December 20

8:15am* P.T. Thomas
6:30am *(Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Fr. Jergens)*

Thursday, December 21

8:00am Brigit Thomas

Friday, December 22

8:00am Steve Bruce

Saturday, December 23

8:00am Sandy Scherpenberg
5:00pm *(Fr. Barry)* Felix Mathew
7:00pm *(Misa en Español, Fr. Juan Carlos)*
Estela & Stephanie De Luna -
Special Intention

Sunday, December 24

7:30am *(Fr. Barry)* Don & Norma Von Holle
9:30am* *(Fr. Jergens)* Theresa Woltering
4:00pm* *(Fr. Barry)* Fatima Josephine Carolina Ambrose
6:30pm* *(Fr. Jergens)* The People of St. Susanna
10:00pm* *(Fr. Barry)* Mary Kay Wong

Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Daily Mass Times

Mondays at 6:00pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays-Saturdays at 8:00am
Wednesdays at 8:15am

Reconciliation

Mondays, after Mass - 7:30pm
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm
Fridays, after Mass - 9:00am
Saturdays, after Mass - 9:30am
By appointment - call the Parish Office

Mass in Spanish

Sundays at 4:00pm

Patriotic Rosary

Mondays at 5:30pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays at 6:00pm

Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion

Fridays at 7:00am
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for Adoration whenever Mass isn't in progress. For access after hours, please contact the Parish Office.

Celebration of Baptism

Blair Faithe Smith
Child of Michael & Kia Smith
Rebecca Marie Daviaux
Child of Brian & Michelle Daviaux

Celebration of Matrimony

Siddharth Srinivasan and
Patricia Raposo Santa Fe
December 16, 2023

In Loving Memory

Doris Berman
Wife of the late Elliot Berman
Edna Gilb
Wife of the late Richard Gilb

Please do not eat or drink in the Church. The only time this happens is in the sacred moment of Holy Communion. We want to set the Church apart as a place of prayer and reflection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note all sacraments require formational preparation prior to the reception of the sacrament. Please contact the following for more information:

Baptism

Beth Bachman (ext. 3100)
bachmanm@stsusanna.org

Bautismo

Aracelia A. Ayala (ext. 3107)
ayalaa@stsusanna.org

1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion

Parish: Jayne LoConti (ext. 3128)
locontij@stsusanna.org
School: Kristen Tell (ext. 3135)
tellk@stsusanna.org

Confirmation

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)
renos@stsusanna.org

Rite of Christian Initiation, Child (RCIC)

Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)
fasanoc@stsusanna.org

Rite of Christian Initiation, Adult (RCIA)

Joe Schleicher (ext. 3149)
schleicherj@stsusanna.org

Marriage

Stephanie Calpin (ext. 3102)
calpins@stsusanna.org

Matrimonio

Aracelia A. Ayala (ext. 3107)
ayalaa@stsusanna.org

Altar Flower Dedication

Dedicate the placing of flowers at the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion. The amount is \$50 to defray the cost of the flowers. To reserve, please contact the Parish Office, 513-398-3821, ext. 3100, or visit www.stsusanna.org/altarflowers.

*Livestreams

Watch Mass via YouTube
www.youtube.com/c/StSusanna

Sunday at 9:30am & 11:30am
Spanish Mass at 4:00pm
Wednesday at 8:15am

Notice of Filming and Photography
In order to offer Masses online, there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.



All are welcome to join us as we pray the Rosary a half-hour before every weekend Mass. If you or your family would like to lead the Rosary, please sit in the front pew. A microphone will be provided. Contact Becky Fehn if you would like to be added to the leadership team at fehnb@stsusanna.org.

This Week at St. Susanna

If you would like more information about an event listed below, please call the Parish Office at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.

Monday, December 18

6:30pm F3: NO Sessions

7:00pm Young Adult Event Planning

Tuesday, December 19

10:00am Adult Bible Study: Mary

5:00pm RCIC

5:00pm Spanish Adult Formation

Wednesday, December 20

12:00pm YAH Luncheon

5:00pm RCIC (High School)

5:00pm Spanish Adult Formation

6:30pm Advent Penance Service

7:00pm Adult Bible Study: Mary

Thursday, December 21

9:00am Church Decorating

5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Cana Women's Group: Year 2

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm The Raphael Group - Virtual

Friday, December 22

9:30am Cana Women's Group: Year 3

Saturday, December 23

7:00am Men's Prayer & Fellowship

5:00pm 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, December 24

7:30am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

10:30am Rosary with OLPH

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:30pm Choral Prelude

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Saturday, December 23rd through Monday, January 1st.

Parish Financial Review

December 10th Budget: \$33,000

December 10th Actual: \$31,480

Over / (Under): (\$1,520)

YTD Budget: \$903,000

YTD Actual: \$875,802

Over / (Under): (\$27,198)

Annual Christmas Concert

Join us at 2:00pm on Sunday, December 17th for the 2023 Christmas Concert, *My Lord has Come*. Enjoy 65 minutes of new and familiar Christmas songs and carols, beautifully arranged for choir, piano, and organ featuring The St. Susanna Parish and Youth Choirs! ALL ARE WELCOME to come and enjoy this FREE event!



Catholic Customs Corner: First Saturday Marian Devotion

In 1917, our Lady, the Blessed Mother Mary, appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Two of the children, Jacinta and Francisco, died shortly thereafter. The third child, Lucia, became a nun and lived into her 90's. In 1940, Lucia wrote to the Holy Father, asking him to promulgate the First Five Saturdays in reparation, a devotion that the Blessed Mother told the children to promote.



The purpose of this devotion, which entails receiving Holy Communion on the first Saturday of each month for five consecutive months, was to make reparation for all the insults, sacrileges and indifferences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised to assist with all the graces needed at the hour of death for the salvation of all those who fulfilled this devotion. Making reparation means doing personal sacrifices and prayers to repair the damage done by sin and indifference toward God, Jesus and the Blessed Mother. One unites with the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, which makes their sacrifices efficacious for reparation.

Devotion to Mary, of course, brings a believer closer to Christ her Son. Just as Mary was dear to Jesus, she should be dear to us. We show this by our devotion to her, honoring her as the instrument of God's salvation. Mary should be looked to for inspiration to do God's Will. Entrusting ourselves to her in devotions such as the First Five Saturdays is a sure way to sanctification and Heaven. Just as Jesus came to us through His Blessed Mother, we will go to Him through her.

Why not give the First Five Saturdays Devotion a try beginning in January as a good New Year's resolution in your prayer life? **Requirements to fulfill the First Saturday Devotion:**

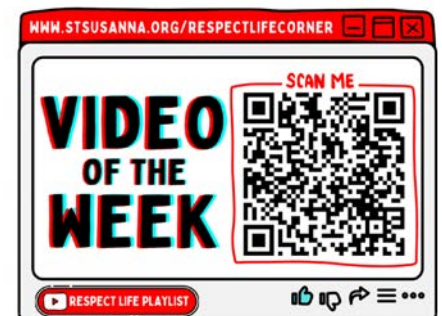
1. Go to Confession (may be 8 days or more before, or eight days more after if you are in a state of grace)
2. Receive Holy Communion in a state of grace
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary, including the Fatima prayer following every "Glory be" (Oh my Jesus...)
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary (this meditation is in addition to the recitation of the Rosary).

Hidden Wounds (by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT)

The deepest desire of the human heart is to be seen.

"Sr. Miriam delivers beautifully. You can hear and feel the love coming right from her heart." – S. Catherine

"So gentle... so inviting... so encouraging that we all can have hope to get our lives back on track just like this beautiful soul." – SE



Get Involved

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas!

We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for the Christmas season - help hang wreaths, put out the Christmas trees, set up the manger display, etc. on **Thursday, December 21st, following 8:00am Mass**. (You do not have to stay the entire time - we appreciate any help.)



We understand the holidays may be very busy for families, and truly appreciate the gift of your time and talents to help decorate the church for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. This is also a great opportunity for any students needing service hours! If you are interested, please contact Becky Fehn at fehn@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3129.

Discover Purpose. Find Connection. Live Faith.

Strong Catholic families start with strong Catholic mothers and fathers. Come and be equipped to transform your family life by making purposeful resolutions to grow closer to God, your spouse, and your children; all while meeting with other parents who want the same things! This 8-session book study will teach you how to have peace and love each other better! Reach out to Kristen Tell with questions at tellk@stsusanna.org.



All parents of young children are invited to join one of the new *Temperament God Gave You* small groups **scheduled to begin January 10th/11th** are forming now!

- Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am

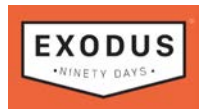
Sign up today at www.canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group and invite a friend to sign up, too!



SCAN ME

Exodus 90

Men: Are you ready to get more out of your faith than just sitting in a pew and passively being Catholic? **Exodus 90 begins January 1st!** Exodus 90 is a challenging 90-day period of prayer and asceticism, supported by a fraternity of like-minded men. We will be joining tens of thousands of other men world-wide in this endeavor from January 1, 2024 through the Easter Vigil, March 30th. **Learn more and sign up at www.stsusanna.org/exodus90.**



Wine, Women and the Word

All women of the parish (ages 21 and older) are invited to the inaugural Wine, Women and the Word. Please plan to join us **from 7:00-9:00pm on Tuesday, January 9th in the School Cafeteria** for an evening of fellowship with other faith-filled women while enjoying some wine (please bring

your wine/beverage of choice) and bring some food to share. Father Jergens will be our special guest speaker. For questions, contact Becky Fehn fehn@stsusanna.org. RSVP (not required but recommended) at www.stsusanna.org/winewomenword.

First Call Military Ministry

Listen to the Paratrooper Priest, Father Jon Jergens, share his life/military/faith journey on **Saturday, January 6th at 0700 in the St. Isidore Room**. This is the first of a series of informal meetings intended for any active military or veterans interested in sharing faith and fellowship.



Hosted the first Saturday of every month from 0700 to 0800 in the St. Isidore Room (in the St. Susanna Undercroft). Bring a friend, share with others. Also seeking others to share their own life/military/faith journey at future meetings. To get involved, contact David Hart at davidhart6099@gmail.com.

Women's Paint Night



Women, you are invited to a fun night of painting hosted by Women of the Word (WOW) **at 7:00pm on Friday, January 12th in the St. Susanna Room**. Bring your friends and follow along as we paint on canvas or doodle on a glass. We think you will enjoy this night of creativity and fun; it was a hit last year!

Please RSVP so we have appropriate supplies, and bring a snack to share. **RSVP online at www.stsusanna.org/wowevent**. Questions? Contact Debbie Miller at 513-882-6461 or debmillier4980@gmail.com.



2024 St Susanna Men's Super Bowl Breakfast XI

Huddle up, all brothers in Christ! All men and their sons (16 and older) are invited to join us for the 11th year of this FREE event on **February 10th, from 8:30am-Noon, in the Meyer Center**. Our main speaker will be Greg Scruggs, the current Defensive Line coach for the Wisconsin Badgers. Greg also played five seasons in the NFL and is a graduate of St. Xavier High School. You'll love the breakfast burritos and the sports-themed atmosphere! **Register online: www.susanna.org/superbowlsaturday.**

Blessing for Pregnant Mothers

A priest is happy to offer a special blessing for pregnant mothers. If you are pregnant, call the Parish Office to set up a date and time.

Nursing Mother's Area

in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room

A space specifically for moms with nursing infants. A rocking chair and a locking door provide a safe place for nursing mothers to pump milk or breastfeed.

Sunday School (Ages 3-Kdg)

Sundays at 9:30am

Lauren Zinnecker (ext. 3400)
zinneckerl@stsusanna.org

Family Formation (F3) (Grades 1-6)

Sundays and Mondays at 6:30pm

Jayne LoConti (ext. 3128)
locontij@stsusanna.org

Confirmation Prep (Grades 7 & 8)

Sundays, 6:30-7:30pm

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)
renos@stsusanna.org

Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30pm

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)
renos@stsusanna.org

Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Joette Ewing (ext. 3131)
ewingj@stsusanna.org

St. Susanna School (Grades K-8)

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm
(513) 398-3821, ext. 3108

PTO 365-Day Raffle Winners

12/10 (\$100) Christian Hensley
12/11 (\$40) David Taylor
12/12 (\$40) Brandi Allen
12/13 (\$40) Mikey Bernard
12/14 (\$40) Sean Curl
12/15 (\$40) Jackie Wells
12/16 (\$40) Melissa Gould

St. Susanna Parish School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th, 1:00-3:00pm



Celebrating 75 Years of Serving the Lord with Love and Joy!

500 Reading Road, Mason OH | K-8 Catholic School

SUPPORT ST. SUSANNA SCHOOL Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Ohio taxpayers who donate to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return. **Up to \$750 per donor** (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). *See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.*



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is a certified SGO.

Your donation to the CEF-SGO can be designated to specifically benefit St. Susanna Parish School.



CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
To learn more or
to make your gift online.



St. Susanna Parish School is Hiring!

St. Susanna Parish School is seeking to fill the following two positions:

- 4th Grade Teacher
- 6th Grade Language Arts Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Mr. Dan Albrinck, albrinckd@stsusanna.org.



2024-25 St. Susanna Preschool Registration is Almost Here!

Mark your calendars - registration for current and past St. Susanna Preschool families will begin on **Monday, January 8th**, and **Monday, January 29th** for all those wonderful families in the community! We will have an **Open House on Thursday, February 1st from 6:30-7:30pm**.

Be sure to stop in and see what being a student at St. Susanna Preschool is all about! This is a wonderful opportunity to talk with our knowledgeable, experienced, creative, and all-around exceptional early childhood educators and check out their classrooms as well! If you have any questions, please contact Joette Ewing, Preschool Director, at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org.



Get Involved

Mark Your Calendars!

St. Susanna 2024 Vacation Bible School - *A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer*, will be held on **June 10th-14th from 9:00am-12:00pm**. We are looking for volunteers and donations to help make this event a huge success. Sign up to help: www.stsusanna.org/vbs.



Registration for VBS will begin on March 1st for St. Susanna parishioners only, and then open to the public on March 10th for nonparishioners. Please mark your calendars as there will be limited spots available! (Adult volunteer children will have a guaranteed spot). Direct questions to Lauren Zinnecker at zinneckerl@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3400.



We are already thinking about the 2024 Festival!



St. Susanna Parishioners, we are on a roll! We had another fantastic, successful Festival in 2023. Let's keep the momentum going for an even better event in 2024! The planning committee is in need of new faces and fresh ideas, especially with the following areas: Volunteers, Food, Auction, Baskets and Grounds Crew. The Festival

Committee is a great way to give back to the community, and it really is a lot of fun, especially if you get a small group going and work together!

If you're wondering about the time commitment, each area varies. Email us at festivalstsusanna@gmail.com to find out what could be feasible for you.

A Reminder from Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment Office

With lots of school-related activities during the month of December, please make sure you are up-to-date on the child protection quarterly bulletins through SafeParish™. You will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator, Cathy Meyer at meyerc@stsusanna.org. Thank you for all you are doing and please stay safe and healthy!

Thank You from the Giving Tree Committee



A HUGE thank-you to all who volunteered and participated in the Giving Tree Ministry! From cutting out the paper ornaments, setting up the trees, donating the gifts, collecting the gifts, wrapping presents and delivering the gifts - each step needed volunteers to make this endeavor successful and YOU came through! A job well done! This year we supported four organizations: St. Susanna Schuh Center, St. George Food Pantry, St. Joseph SVdP Conference in Adams County, and Mt. Airy Elementary School. Again, THANK YOU for reaching out so that others may experience the love of Christ this Christmas. A thank-you also goes out to McCluskey Chevrolet and Tom Hambly who donated the trucks used to transport the gifts to St. George, Mt. Airy Elementary School and Adams County.

This Week, from the St. Susanna Vincentians...

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving... please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Help for Strengthening Troubled Marriages

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **January 5th-7th, 2024**, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



Saturday, February 24th

8:00am: Mass, followed by coffee

9:15am-2:30pm: Conference Presentations

at St. Susanna Church
616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040



Tickets: \$40

Purchase online at cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org
or call 513-728-7870

(Event includes lunch, and priests will be available for confession)

Avisos en Español

Misas en Español

Todos los domingos a las 4:00pm

Confesiones en Inglés y Español

Mondays (lunes): 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesdays (miércoles): 5:00-6:00pm

Thursdays (jueves): 7:00-8:00pm

Fridays (viernes): 8:30-9:00am

Saturdays (sábados): 8:30-9:30am

O contacte a la Oficina Parroquial hacer una cita.

Próxima Clase Prebautismal:

4 de febrero 2024 a la 1:00 p.m. en el salón St. Isidore ubicado en el sótano de la iglesia. **Es necesario inscribirse.**

Favor de contactar a Aracelia Ayala a ayalaa@stsusanna.org o (513) 398-3821 ext. 3107. **La clase solo se lleva a cabo cuando hay personas inscritas para la clase.**

Rezo del Santo Rosario:

Todos los martes en el Salón St. Jerome: 7:30pm

Y también a través de Zoom

Zoom ID 891 6528 5071 Password: 45040

¿Necesita oración, quiere rezar con alguien o que vayan a su casa a rezar?

Contacte a María Resendiz 513-260-8055

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial (Ayuda en Español)

Mondays (lunes): 11:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesdays (martes): 10:00am - 2:00pm

Wednesdays (miércoles): 10:00am - 2:00pm

Fridays (viernes): 10:00am - 2:00pm

Para Asistencia en Español

Contacte a Sara Silva 513-398-3821, ext. 3202

o silvas@stsusanna.org

Es indispensable **registrarse en la Parroquia para todos los sacramentos** o cualquier trámite que desee realizar.

Área Privada de Lactancia Materna está ubicada en el Salón de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Por favor síganos en nuestra página de Facebook

www.facebook.com/IglesiaCatolicaStSusannaMasonOhio

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PARA REGISTRARSE, CONTACTE A:
Sara Silva: silvas@stsusanna.org - 513-398-3821 ext. 3202

 St. Susanna
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Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

El próximo fin de semana tenemos agenda llena aquí en la iglesia. El Cuarto Domingo de Adviento cae en el 24 de diciembre este año. Será una cuarta semana de Adviento muy corta, que durará sólo unas horas ese domingo antes de que comience la misa de Nochebuena a las 4:00 PM. Además de la misa de vigilia del sábado a las 5:00 PM en inglés, también habrá una misa de vigilia el sábado a las 7:00 PM en español. Después, el Domingo 24 de diciembre sólo habrá misas a las 7:30 y 9:30 AM, pero no habrá misa a las 11:30 AM. Con las misas de Nochebuena a las 4:00, 6:30 y 10:00 PM, significaría que usted iría a dos misas ese domingo. Por supuesto, puede ir a la vigilia del sábado y a la misa de las 9:30 (misa en inglés) o de las 11:30 (misa en español) el día de Navidad. Tal vez este año no vayas a la misa de Nochebuena a las 4:00 PM y vayas a otra misa de Nochebuena o el día de Navidad.

Este año, nuestra obligación dominical se superpone con la misa de obligación -la Natividad Del Señor (Navidad). Como católicos, debemos asistir a una misa diferente para cada obligación: dos misas en total.

Obligación dominical

Escoja una:

Sábado, 23 de Diciembre
5:00pm, 7:00pm (español)

Domingo, 24 de Diciembre
7:30am, 9:30am

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Obligación de Navidad

Escoja una:

Domingo, 24 de Diciembre
4:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Lunes, 25 de Diciembre
9:30am, 11:30am (español)

No menosprecies tu pertenencia a la Iglesia Católica y a la Parroquia de Santa Susana, y la obligación de asistir a misa el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento Y en Nochebuena o Navidad. Asistir a todas estas celebraciones debería sentirse menos como un deber y más como una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y dar gloria a Dios que ha venido al mundo para salvarnos. Como dice Lino, de eso se trata la Navidad, Charlie Brown. No se trata de alegrarse, sino de santificarse. Por eso Cristo nació en Belén: para unir a Dios con nosotros y elevarnos a la imagen de la divinidad para la que fuimos creados. Cuando nos reunimos en la celebración eucarística como Cuerpo místico de Cristo, vemos que esto sucede. Jesús se hace presente en su ofrenda al Padre y nosotros nos unimos a Él en este sacrificio. Tienes que estar allí cuando esto suceda. Tienes que venir a la Iglesia para que esto sea una realidad. Cristo y la Iglesia nos piden que participemos en estos misterios divinos todos los domingos y días de precepto. Faltar a misa sería perder esta oportunidad única de recibir la gracia de Dios y llegar a ser uno en Cristo. Si te la pierdes aquí en la tierra, es muy probable que te la pierdas en la eternidad, donde Cristo está ante su Padre en la gloria, rodeado de todo el ejército celestial en el gran banquete del paraíso. ¡No querrás perdértelo! La eternidad es mucho tiempo. ¡Dura para siempre!



Así pues, espero y rezo para que todos y cada uno de los miembros de nuestra parroquia hagan el esfuerzo de asistir a Misa el 4º domingo de Adviento y de nuevo en Nochebuena o Navidad. Dios te está esperando para que ocupes tu lugar en la iglesia ahora y en el cielo después. No lo defraudes. Dale lo mejor de ti. Dale lo que se merece. Él lo merece.

¡Que Dios bendiga a todos y cada uno de ustedes en esta Navidad!

Fr. Barry

Clase de Inglés Como Segundo Idioma para los Feligreses de Sta. Susana

Necesitamos adultos que ayuden a facilitar el proceso de aprendizaje de nuestras clases de inglés. Se proporcionarán materiales. Si está interesado en ayudar con este ministerio por favor comuníquese con Aracelia Ayala (ayalaa@stsusanna.org o 513-398-3821, ext.3107).



Para los feligreses que quieran formar parte como estudiante las clases se llevan a cabo en la escuela parroquial de 6:30 a 8:00 PM los martes y jueves durante enero, febrero, marzo, abril y mayo. Estas clases son sólo para los feligreses de la parroquia y como requisito deben ayudar en un ministerio. Favor de contactar a Sara Silva para inscribirse silvas@stsusanna.org o se puede inscribir después de misa el 17 y 31 de diciembre.

Los exámenes de inglés para asignar nivel de clase serán el domingo, 7 de enero de 5:15-6:15 pm en la parroquia--Salón St. Isidore y jueves 11 de enero de 6:30-8pm en la escuela parroquial--Salón 37.

Las clases de inglés iniciarán el 16 de enero.

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Varios sacerdotes, incluyendo el Padre Roberto Carlos, estarán disponibles el **miércoles 20 de diciembre, de 6:30-8:30pm** para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en el Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento. Habrá un himno, oración, Evangelio y reflexión antes de las Confesiones. Puede ir y venir durante todo el servicio de 2 horas. No hay necesidad de quedarse hasta el final.



Tanto el Padre Jergens como el Padre Barry estarán disponibles en el horario habitual para la confesión durante todo el mes de diciembre. Haz de esta Navidad una época de Renovación real y crecimiento espiritual yendo al Sacramento de Reconciliación.

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Monday at 6:00pm

Tuesday at 8:00am

Wednesday at 8:15am (School Mass)

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Friday at 8:00am

Saturday at 8:00am and 5:00pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

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In November we received \$15,191.00 in contributions for this effort. **Our loan balance November end is \$602,948.03.** THANK YOU to all who have given! If you have any questions, please contact our Business Manager, Bob Keever, at keeverr@stsusanna.org.

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